

REMARKS

Upon entry of the above amendment claims 23-26 will be pending in this application. Applicants have amended the title to make it more descriptive and amended the specification to state priority. Applicants have amended the specification to recite parent history as required by Patent Rules. Applicants have canceled claims 1-22 without prejudice. The specification on page 56, last paragraph, and page 57, first paragraph provides support for new claims 23-26. Applicants submit that no issue of new matter has been raised.

Conclusion

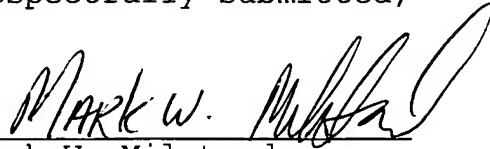
Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes for any reason that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (302) 934-4395, in Millsboro, Delaware.

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